

# NOTES BY SIGHE ACCUSE IRONMEN

Letters Written by George E. Feist Name Several in Mt. Carmel Co. Shortage

## THEIR IDENTITY WITHHELD

When it was learned today that George E. Feist, general manager of the Mt. Carmel, Pa., Iron Works, who committed suicide on a train on his way from Philadelphia to Mt. Carmel, left letters naming other men as responsible for the \$20,000 shortage charged against him, there was speculation as to who were mentioned.

Feist's letters have been placed in the hands of attorneys representing the Mt. Carmel Iron Works, who will decide what action will be taken. Meanwhile, the names of the persons are being kept secret.

Mrs. Feist, who thinks her husband was the victim of others, asserts the letters will show he was not responsible for the shortage.

Feist's letters were written just before he killed himself.

## Question Possession of Gun

Another matter under discussion today is how Feist obtained the revolver he used to end his life. He was a prisoner, in custody, and it is not understood how he could have had a weapon concealed upon him when he entered the train.

Feist's letters were addressed to Robert Muir, president of the company, S. E. Borgstrom, treasurer, J. E. Bastress, president of the Guarantee Trust Bank, and Mrs. Feist.

## Was Efficiency Expert

Feist arrived in Mount Carmel four years ago from Boston as an accounting and efficiency expert to assist in getting the iron works out of a financial straits. He showed such aptitude and executive ability that he was made general manager and the industry was placed upon a firm footing. Recently he had spent much time in Philadelphia and New York, living at leading hotels and clubs and he was understood to have spent with a lavish hand.

News of shortages in his accounts did not become generally known until after his suicide. Feist's letters, it is intimated, are in close touch with the embezzlement and suicide, indicate that others were involved with him and give details as to the disposition of the money. The directors of the iron works and local bankers met attorneys for the purpose of going into the prosecution of the person or persons indicated by Feist in his last letters.

## MANY ASK DANCE PERMITS

### City Hall Flooded With Applications for Halloween

Swamped with applications for Halloween dance permits, the city government has resorted to the plan of issuing temporary certificates to owners of halls. Later inspectors will be made and requirements enforced.

One hundred and one halls have already been licensed by Charles Dalrymple, the Mayor's clerk, today. Golden Slipper, Night Owls, Parisian Girls, Merriwell Boys' Club, Walla Walla, White Rose, Roseland, Camp Hawk, Third Club, Moose, Wild Club, Komat, Kanne Klub, Iona, Don Quixote, Liberty Bell Boys, Greek letter fraternities and New Year's shooter organizations.

## Deaths of a Day

### Mrs. Diantha Pulsifer

Mrs. Diantha Pulsifer, ninety-three years old, died suddenly yesterday at 1314 Hunting Park avenue, the home of her son-in-law, the Rev. E. C. Sweetser, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer. Mrs. Pulsifer, who came of old New England stock, enjoyed good health for a person of her advanced years. She ate dinner with the family on Sunday, but at night was stricken with a pulmonary hemorrhage and died soon after.

### Mrs. Mary M. Moses

Mrs. Mary Matilda Moses, widow of the Rev. Richard George Moses, who at the time of his death in 1906 was rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Merchantville, N. J., died on Sunday at her home in Merchantville. Her funeral will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. in the church of which her husband was rector.

### Mrs. Mary M. Moses

Mrs. Moses was ill two weeks. She was born in Devonport, England, in 1837. Before her marriage in 1859 she was Miss Mary Matilda Bird. She is survived by a son, Arnold H. Moses, an architect, with offices at 136 South Fourth street, and three daughters, Miss Lucy Moses, Miss Edith Moses and Miss Mary Moses, of Merchantville.

### William W. Hilt

William W. Hilt, of 1824 Diamond street, who had been identified with the leather manufacturing business in this city half a century, died on Sunday at the Samaritan Hospital, where he underwent an operation for stomach trouble last Tuesday.

Mr. Hilt was born in this city sixty-two years ago and was graduated from the Central High School in 1869. Then he entered the leather business with Channing & Patterson. In 1892 he became a member of the firm of Hilt, Fenn & Wood, which was dissolved in 1900. For five years he was associated with Robert H. Parsons & Co., and then he became connected with the Surpass Leather Company, with which he remained until his death.

### Henry F. Steckel

Easton, Pa., Oct. 21.—Henry F. Steckel, ninety-one years old, oldest member of the Northampton county bar, is dead here from a complication of ailments, following an attack of influenza last winter.

### Baroness Di Teulada

Cleveland, Oct. 21.—Word of the death at Lake Como, Italy, of Baroness Granzio Sanjust Di Teulada, formerly Miss Florence Kanpler, of this city, has been received here. The baroness died Sunday after an illness of only a few days. She married the baron here following his visit as Italy's representative to the San Francisco Exposition.



MISS GERTRUDE M. FOY  
She will become the bride of Raymond McQuinn, of Staunton, Va., today at St. John's Catholic Church

## NEW MOTORCAR PARK AT FERRY IN CAMDEN

Confusion Marks Change, but System Provided by Company Improves Situation

Considerable confusion was occasioned this morning when the hundreds of automobilists who daily park their cars outside the Camden terminal of the Market street ferries arrived there. Since the New Jersey trolley zone fare system has been in effect, changes in the street plans have been under way. Today huge black signs greeted automobilists with the announcement that parking was forbidden in the street because of the repairs now under way.

Provision was made by officials of the ferry company for parking the cars on its grounds, leading into the old ferry house north of Market street. Motorists were directed to a gateway leading to the open ground in the rear of the ferry house.

There a cinder driveway had been laid off and a heavy wire fence erected to protect the parked cars from outsiders. The ferry company also provided a private watchman to look after the machines.

The closing of the street, however, left a space for the hundreds of jitneys to land and unload in the campaign against the trolley fares. The ferry company, controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad, owns all the property from Delaware avenue, Camden, to the ferry house, including the streets which are laid over private rights of way and are maintained by the company.

Removal of the old trolley loops since the creation of the "hall" pen and used by the Public Service Corporation, has necessitated these street changes which are being made by the ferry company.

## WOMEN LIKE FARM WORK

### Statistics of Land Army Reveal Big Gain in Campaign

Women tire of long vacations. They like a change from indoor to outdoor work, and intellectuals enjoy working with their hands.

Statistics compiled by the Woman's Land Army of America during the last season show that out of 156 farmerettes fifty were previously unemployed, forty-nine were students during the winter, twenty were teachers and sixteen left clerical positions in offices for work on the farm.

Dairy work and stable cleaning, rock work on roads, threshing, harness cleaning and haymaking—the farmettes did all sorts of work that the farm provided.

Last year eight units were established. At Whitford, under Mrs. John B. Clark, farmers were supplied with 7040 hours of labor, and the unit saved \$500 from the summer's income.

Recently the Woman's Land Army of America affiliated with the League of Women Voters and has started a campaign for \$5000.

## ARMY FOOD SALE TOMORROW

### Quantities of Canned Goods to Be Sold at Lansdowne

Another sale of surplus army food will be made at Lansdowne tomorrow, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. Tomatoes, beans and peas will be sold. There will be 6000 one-gallon cans of tomatoes and the same number of cans of beans. These will be sold at thirty-three cents a can. There will be 5000 cans of No. 2 peas. These will be sold at eleven cents a can.

The sale will be under the direction of the Twentieth Century Club and other women's organizations of Lansdowne. It has been arranged for by I. H. Francis, of the salvage board.

## WARNERS OF ASIATIC PERIL

### Lecturer Declares Jap Rule in Shantung Will Menace World

The formation of an overwhelming Pan-Asiatic union, with the most enormous potentialities for evil, may be the result of awarding Shantung to Japan, according to Dr. Robert F. Fitch, of Hanchow, China, who lectured last night in the Second Presbyterian Church, Twenty-first and Walnut streets.

"If the Christian nations of the world hand over Shantung to Japan," said Doctor Fitch, "China will lose all faith in the good intentions of the United States and other Occidental powers that sign the peace treaty. She will accept the inevitable, tear up her treaties with western nations and enter into a Pan-Asiatic union with Japan."

## Missionaries Speak Here Today

Three speakers will address the meeting today of the Women's Presbyterian Missionary Society in Westminster Hall. They are the Rev. Frederick Coan, of Paris, who has been touring the United States in the interests of the Armenians and has raised a \$500,000 fund for their relief; the Rev. Dr. A. B. Janvier, of India, formerly pastor of the Holland Memorial Church, Broad and Federal streets; and Mrs. W. Betty Jennings, wife of the pastor of the First Church of Germantown.

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# EPIDEMIC OF CITY HOLIDAYS ENDS; COST IS EXCESSIVE

Official Signal That Season of Official Welcomes Is Waning Comes With Tearing Down of Mayor's Grandstand

The high cost of holidays has replaced the questions involved in the high cost of living in the minds of city officials who have had their forces disorganized and work delayed as a result of official holiday making this year.

National holidays and others called for by proclamations of Mayor Smith have been of such frequent occurrence that municipal departments hardly have time to recover from one general lay-off of men until another is scheduled.

The end is in sight, however. Grandstands are being torn down. Mayor Smith and members of Council are getting ready to put their high hats in moth balls and the long vacation for musical organizations is nearing.

The several hundred thousand dollars spent in the employment of bands, official entertaining, the construction of grandstands and the entertainment of distinguished visitors is only a part of the cost involved in demonstrations resulting from the war and its end. The actual cost of these items may never be compiled because of their being distributed over so many branches of the city government.

The greatest item of expense and one that also never will be computed is the loss occasioned by the repeated laying off of thousands of men employed on all classes of municipal work. These lay-offs for most departments means work for the men of the Bureau of

Police whose hours were automatically lengthened when the holiday making and parading started.

There remains but an official reception for King Albert of Belgium and his queen. The visit of the royal couple to Philadelphia, either before their visit to Washington or after their stay as the guests of the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, is expected to be for only a few hours. A stay of this character will permit little more than a hurried reception and a trip to Independence Hall and other points of historic interest.

J. Holgate Berry, superintendent of City Hall has completed the dismantling of the grandstand that for two years has stood on the North Plaza of City Hall and which has been officially designated as "Mayor Smith's stand." Tickets for the stand have been carefully doled out by the Mayor's brother, Joseph C. Smith, and its disappearance is the first official indication that the holiday season is closed.

The Fairmount Park Commissioners are preparing to have torn away the ten weather worn stands along the Park way that were erected by William Steel? Sons at a cost to the city of \$58,000. As these stands have been exposed to the weather but a few months it is hoped that the lumber can be sold to cover a portion of the original expense.

Lumber from the "Smith" stand is being stored away at City Hall.

## PRESBYTERIAN STATE ASKS BETTER FEELING

### SYNOD MEETS TODAY IN U. S. FOR ENGLAND

Delegates Gather Here in Four-Day Sessions in German-town Church

The Synod of Pennsylvania, made up of about twenty-five delegates from all parts of the state, will meet in the First Presbyterian Church, West Chelten avenue, today, tomorrow, Thursday and Friday.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to business with occasional addresses by secretaries of the boards and missionary speakers. The evening meetings will be devotional and inspirational in character.

Tonight the retiring moderator of the synod, the Rev. Dr. George W. Montgomery, will preach. At the close of his sermon the synod will be organized and addresses of welcome will be made.

Wednesday evening will be devoted to foreign missions, with addresses by Rev. Dr. A. W. Haley, secretary of the board, and a returned missionary. On Thursday evening the cause of home missions will be presented by the Rev. Dr. John McNeill, secretary of the board, with reference to social service, and the Rev. Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, the secretary of the New Era Movement.

All the services, special music will be rendered by the choir. The meetings are open to the public.

## REGISTER IN JERSEY TODAY

### Last Chance for Voters to Get Names on Lists

This is the last registration day for voters in Jersey before the November election. Both parties have committees at work trying to get all voters registered who have left their names placed on the lists.

Republicans in Camden county have sent a card to each voter not registered, appealing to them to go to their respective party boards today. The boards will be in session until 9 o'clock this evening.

## CHRISTINE BIDDLE TO WED

### Former Red Cross Nurse Will Marry Edward Fish

Miss Christine A. Biddle, daughter of Mrs. Alexander Williams Biddle, of the Ritz-Carlton, and recently married to Edward Fish, son of A. M. Fish, of Minneapolis, is to be married to Edward Fish, son of A. M. Fish, of Minneapolis, at 11 o'clock this evening.

Miss Biddle is the sister of Lieutenant Alexander Biddle, who recently married Miss Margaret E. Scull. They also live at the Ritz-Carlton.

Miss Biddle was frequently exposed to fire while serving as a nurse in France. Colonel George W. Norris is especially warm in his praise of the work she did along the front in the Toul sector. "Philadelphia has every reason to be proud of her," Colonel Norris said recently in discussing Miss Biddle's work.

## ONATO SAILORS DEPART

### Members of Wrecked Schooner Leave Gloucester for Newfoundland

Four sailors from the British schooner Onato, brought to this port on the steamship Zirkel, today left the Gloucester immigrant station homeward bound. Their destination is Newfoundland. The men, Thomas Moulton, Ernest Fizard, Lorenzo Ash and Edward Nicholl, were fitted out with clothing and other necessary articles by T. C. Porter, the British consul.

The ship will proceed to New York, when they will be shipped to a Newfoundland port.

The sailors were exonerated of mutiny after investigation by Consul Porter of charges lodged by the captain of the Zirkel.

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# PROPERTY PRICES AT PEAK, IS BELIEF

Real Estate Brokers See Decline in Selling Value of Homes, Excluding Central District

## EXPECT GRADUAL DECLINE

There are indications that the price of real estate in several localities has reached the "peak."

In West Philadelphia, Germantown and North Philadelphia there have been reductions in the price of two-story dwellings varying from \$500 to \$700. All of these houses were built six or seven years ago.

While these cases appear isolated, some real estate dealers believe the reduction in the localities mentioned is indicative of a gradual descent from the present high mark.

In the neighborhood of Fifty-sixth street and Thomsen avenue, houses dropped from \$7000 to \$6300 during the last two weeks. Similar reductions were found in the vicinity of Tenth street and Erie avenue, and also in Germantown. Several two-story houses formerly priced at \$8000 in Germantown have dropped to \$5500.

## Peak Reached, Broker Thinks

"Prices reached the peak and had to recede," said William F. Deakney, a real estate dealer, 149 South Broad street, today.

"The owners simply overstepped the mark and found the properties hanging on their hands. Heads of families realized the buyers' lack of money. Properties were \$2000 above their actual value."

"In the case of small houses the owners asked \$4000 for some which were not worth more than \$2500. Many homes have been priced below all reason, and of course they are not being sold."

"This is not true, however, of central properties which have not yet reached the peak. A great many houses are not sold, because they are not in modern condition. It is difficult to get mechanics, and there is no certainty when jobs will be completed."

Eugene Townsend, a real estate dealer of Forty-ninth street and Baltimore avenue, said:

"This season of the year, of course, the demand for houses drops a little, but I have not noticed any decrease in prices in this neighborhood. The individual is responsible for the present state of houses. Each owner feels that the demand is good, and that he ought to get the same prices that others do."

## Sales Below Expectations

Similar views were voiced by W. Earl Yorker, fifty-seventh street and Thomsen avenue.

"The selling of real estate has not been just as big as we expected," he said. "Nevertheless, I have not found any decrease in the price of properties which I have been handling. One of the chief obstacles in selling a house has been the trouble in getting prospective buyers. The dealers are definitely settled. There is usually little trouble in making a sale."

Dealers say that one of the big drawbacks to the sale of properties has been the prospective buyers' lack of money. In most cases at least \$1000 is required to make the original payment. This amount has been asked in many cases for houses costing as little as \$1500.

The amount mentioned is necessary to reduce the carrying charges. But prospective buyers' lack of money does not seem to possess that amount of money, or are loath to pay it out on a house.

## JITNEY "LOVE" A NEW FAD

### Jersey Swains Find New Method of Entertaining Sweethearts

Jitneys which are operating between Camden and the suburbs are not only being used by men and women to reach their places of employment and to do shopping, but also by young men, who do not possess autos, to entertain their sweethearts.

They have discovered they can enjoy a long ride at small cost, and the women are taking kindly to the situation.

Young men living in Gloucester enter a jitney and for a fifteen-cent fare ride to Camden; then change and take a ride to Atlantic City, or to some other suburb for a similar fare. In fact, they can ride almost an entire evening for \$1.

They usually ride at the time when business is a little "slow" with the jitney-men, and the drivers have no excuse to make. Some of the jitney-men from Atlantic City have discovered the scheme and are charging moonlight lovers extra fare.

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# "CHECK-PASSING KING" BEGINS TOUR OF JAILS

Thurber A. Packer Goes to Wilkes-Barre to Answer First of Many Charges

Thurber A. Packer, alleged check passer, today begins the first leg of a journey that is expected to take him into many of the best jails in the country.

The accused man—"King of the check passers"—the police call him—was captured here yesterday after a two-year pursuit by detectives.

He maintained an expensive furnished home on Spruce street, Willsieken, and had a wife and children there, the police say.

Packer, who employed about fifteen other men, goes to Wilkes-Barre today to stand trial on an old check-raising charge. Twenty-six other cities have laid detainers against him so that for years to come it is likely that life for Thurber will be just one jail after another.

According to the police, the statute of limitations cannot block prosecution in the cities for fraud on the preferential list. Packer has been indicted in most of the cities claiming him, and unless the indictments are nolle prossed they can be taken out at any time the indicted man is taken into custody.

Baggage said to belong to Packer was seized last night by detectives at a railroad station. One of two handbags had a false bottom and contained a folding typewriter, a check protecting device, ink pad, rubber stamp and a money belt. The other bag was filled with personal effects.

## DONT'S FOR COLD VICTIMS

### Doctor Krusen Gives Some Pointers to Avoid Spread of Disease

To prevent the spread of colds or other respiratory diseases, Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, has formulated the following "don'ts":

"Avoid spreading disease by coughing or sneezing. Use your handkerchief."

"Avoid others who have colds."

"Avoid crowded places and assemblies which lack free ventilation."

"Avoid common drinking cups and common towels."

"Avoid spitting on the sidewalks and in public places."

"Avoid exposure to cold and wet. Don't fail to wear clothing according to the temperature of the day."

"Avoid the dangers which lurk in a closed and stuffy bedroom. Sleep with the windows open."

"Avoid fatigue. Adopt regular habits, choose your food and get into the habit of daily exercise."

"Avoid serious illnesses by consulting the family physician when you have a cold."

"Avoid visiting patients suffering from respiratory diseases."

## DOCTOR ELLIS TO LECTURE

### War Correspondent to Talk on Near East at Academy Tonight

Dr. William T. Ellis, war correspondent and traveler, who returned recently to America after a visit of several months in the war-torn countries of Europe, will deliver a lecture tonight at the Academy of Music.

The lecture course will lift the veil of censorship which, he said, conceals from the world contemporary events of greatest moment in Turkey, Palestine, Macedonia, Syria, Egypt and Mesopotamia. These events, he asserted, seriously affect America.

## Aviator Plunges to Death

Calexico, Calif., Oct. 21.—First Lieutenant George W. Puryear, supply officer of the Ninth Aero Squadron of Rockwell Field, was killed here yesterday when the engine of his airplane went dead and the plane fell into a cotton field. He was said to be the first American prisoner to escape from the German lines.

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# BUSINESS MEN ASK AID FOR ORCHESTRA

Committee Declares Organization City's Best Publicity Medium

## TWO CHORUSES TO SING

Over the names of fourteen of the city's leading business men an appeal has been made to all the business men of the city to support the Philadelphia Orchestra in its campaign.

Those who have sent out the appeal are Samuel Rea, Edgemoor R. Morris, John Gribble, Samuel T. Bodine, Samuel M. Vauchain, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, William A. Law, W. W. Atterbury, E. Pusey Passmore, John H. Mason, James Crosby Brown, Samuel S. Feis, Ellis A. Gimbel and William P. Gest.

"We are convinced," the appeal reads, "that the Philadelphia Orchestra is entitled to the support of the business men of Philadelphia. The Orchestra is now the leading symphony orchestra in the United States and has become a distinct civic asset of signal value to Philadelphia."

"The impression made by the Orchestra in the largest cities in America, which it visits and where it plays before 100,000 persons during each season, has proved to be of the most pronounced advertising value to our city. To place this Orchestra on a permanent financial basis, such as the endowment fund of \$1,000,000 now asked will accomplish, is a distinct investment for the business interests of the city. To compel so valuable a municipal asset to be discontinued for lack of this fund is a distinct loss to our city. Therefore, that the business men of Philadelphia will join us in the support of the Orchestra in this campaign."

At today's meeting, luncheon, at the Ritz-Carlton, Josef Hofmann will play, this being, probably, his only appearance in Philadelphia this season.

Two choruses, with more than 350 voices, will unite in singing Gounod's "The Redemption" at the Choral Society's presentation of the oratorio tomorrow night in the Academy of Music in aid of the Orchestra fund. The Choral Society's singers will be assisted by the male chorons of the Fortnightly Club.

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